



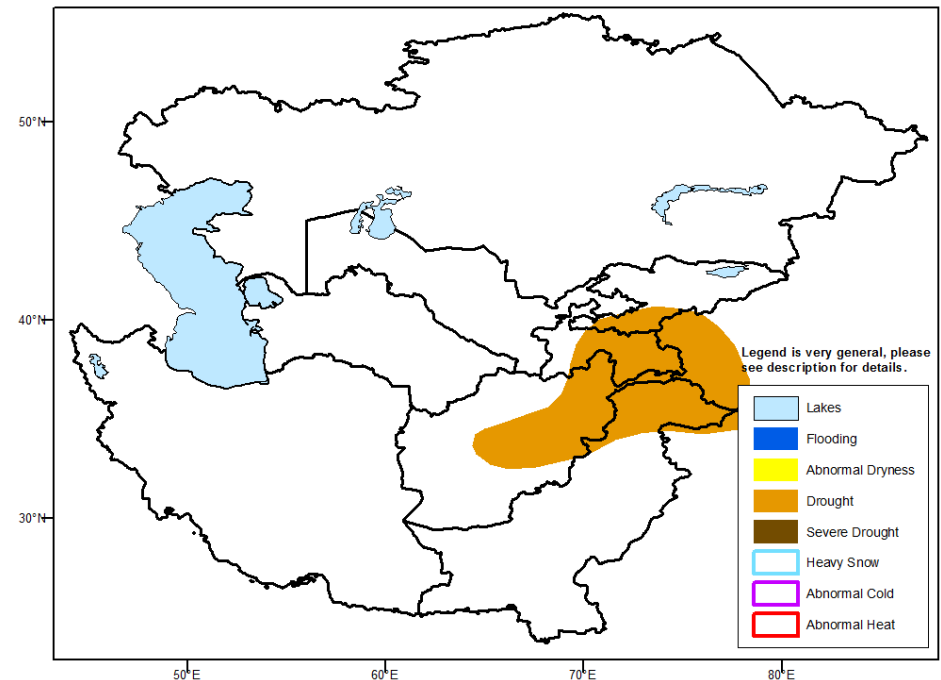
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook February 8 - 14, 2018

Temperatures:

Below-normal temperatures were observed across much of the region from January 28 to February 3. Minimum temperatures fell below -35 degrees C across northeast Kazakhstan during the past week, while minimum temperatures were below -10 degrees C as far south as western Afghanistan. The GFS model indicates that temperatures are likely to average near to above normal during the second week of February.

Precipitation

Light to moderate snow (2 to 25 mm, liquid equivalent) was observed across parts of northern Afghanistan and Tajikistan from January 28 to February 3. The recent snowfall resulted in an increase of snow water volume amounts across the northern basins of Afghanistan. However, snow water volume amounts remain near record lows for the past 15 years across northeast Afghanistan where a drought hazard is posted. Based on model guidance, additional snow with locally heavy amounts (more than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) is expected to continue through mid-February across northern and central Afghanistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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